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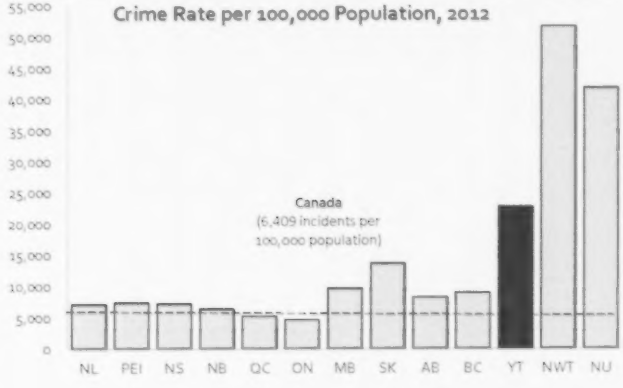
Police-reported Crime Statistics in Yukon 2012

This report is based on data released by Statistics Canada from the incident-based Uniform Crime Reporting Survey (UCR) . The UCR collects information on all criminal incidents reported to, and substantiated by, Canadian police services.

Highlights:

- A total of 8,193 criminal incidents were reported to police in Yukon in 2012: 1,457 violent Criminal Code violations; 3,129 property crime; 479 Criminal Code traffic violations; 2,893 'other' Criminal Code violations; and 235 Federal Statutes violations.
- Yukon's 2012 police-reported crime rate of 22,695 incidents per 100,000 population, was 0.7% higher than the 2011 rate.

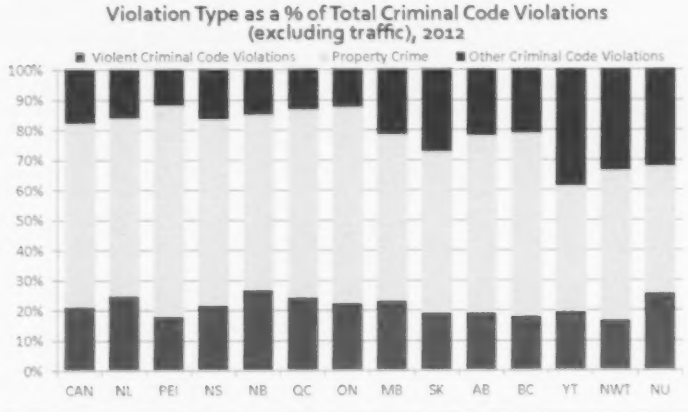
Crime Rate



- Yukon's 2012 crime rate was the third highest in the country at 22,695 incidents per 100,000 population.
- In 2012, the overall crime rate increased 0.7% compared to 2011. However, the 2012 crime rate was 20.6% lower than the 2003 rate.

Crime counts are based on the most serious offence in an incident; however, violent criminal incidents are generally counted separately for each victim. Criminal Code traffic offences, as well as federal statute violations are not included in the calculation of the overall crime rate.

- In 2012, there were 7,479 actual incidents of Criminal Code violations (excluding traffic) in Yukon. This total consisted of: 1,457 violent Criminal Code violations (ranking Yukon the sixth lowest in Canada at 19.5%); 3,129 property crime (ranking Yukon the lowest in the country at 41.8%); and 2,893 'other' Criminal Code violations (ranking Yukon the highest in Canada at 38.7%).*
- The above Yukon proportions compare nationally at: 21.3% violent Criminal Code violations; 61.1% property crime; and 17.6% 'other' Criminal Code violations.



** While 'other' Criminal Code violations typically include counterfeiting, weapons violations, child pornography, prostitution, disturb the peace and administration of justice, etc., these 'other' violations for Yukon mainly included disturb the peace and administration of justice.*

Other Sources of Crime Information:

Statistics Canada's Juristat - provides in-depth analysis and detailed statistics on a variety of justice-related topics and issues. http://www5.statcan.gc.ca/bsolc/olc-cel/olc-cel?catno=85-002-X&chropg=1&lang=eng#issue2013001

Statistics Canada's Juristat Bulletin - publication features short, informative articles focusing on specific justice-related issues. http://www5.statcan.gc.ca/bsolc/olc-cel/olc-cel?catno=85-005-X&chropg=1&lang=eng#issue2011001

Violent Criminal Code Violations, Number of Actual Incidents, Yukon, 2003-2012

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total violent Criminal Code violations	**1,710**	**1,471**	**1,307**	**1,243**	**1,301**	**1,269**	**1,404**	**1,464**	**1,470**	**1,457**
Homicide	1	7	1	0	2	3	2	1	0	0
Total other violations causing death	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Attempted murder	0	0	2	0	0	1	3	0	4	0
Sexual assault, level 3, aggravated	0	2	0	1	2	2	1	0	0	0
Sexual assault, level 2, weapon or bodily harm	1	0	0	1	4	0	2	1	2	4
Sexual assault, level 1	64	58	63	57	53	50	71	66	62	73
Total sexual violations against children	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	4	9
Assault, level 3, aggravated	15	9	3	14	17	12	14	15	26	16
Assault, level 2, weapon or bodily harm	141	140	159	143	183	161	156	151	184	181
Assault, level 1	878	766	721	674	675	666	727	703	782	737
Total assaults against a peace officer	27	12	19	15	9	24	52	85	40	29
Total other assaults	9	1	1	1	1	3	2	6	3	3
Total firearms; use of, discharge, pointing	17	4	0	1	2	2	5	10	5	8
Total robbery	34	23	18	17	16	16	9	17	13	11
Total forcible confinement or kidnapping	3	13	7	12	12	9	24	18	9	8
Total abduction	3	6	1	1	0	2	1	3	0	0
Extortion	6	3	1	2	2	2	2	0	0	1
Criminal harassment	87	76	13	14	16	24	13	22	16	16
Uttering threats	345	282	219	193	245	226	242	266	237	249
Threatening or harassing phone calls	61	47	73	80	53	51	65	85	76	103
Total other violent violations	17	21	6	17	8	14	11	12	7	9

Crimes against the person involve the use or threatened use of violence against a person, including homicide, attempted murder, assault, sexual assault and robbery. Robbery is considered a crime against the person because unlike other theft offences it involves the use or threat of violence.

Property Crime, Number of Actual Incidents, Yukon, 2003-2012

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total property crime	**4,146**	**3,719**	**3,703**	**3,313**	**3,158**	**3,394**	**3,069**	**3,111**	**3,189**	**3,129**
Total breaking and entering	570	555	515	460	349	254	258	246	191	205
Total possession of stolen property	56	44	39	26	28	39	33	42	19	47
Total trafficking in stolen property[1]								0	0	1
Total theft of motor vehicle	189	163	146	140	135	171	132	163	115	147
Total theft over $5,000 (non-motor vehicle)	27	35	35	19	21	27	17	33	22	25
Total theft under $5,000 (non-motor vehicle)	1,346	1,075	1,094	865	743	689	715	746	798	903
Fraud[2]	127	132	77	85	102	125	129	111	81	94
Identity theft[2]								0	0	2
Identity fraud[2]						0	0	5	12	3
Total mischief	1,806	1,696	1,778	1,706	1,765	2,075	1,771	1,750	1,934	1,686
Arson	25	19	19	12	15	14	14	15	17	16

[1] In April 2011, legislation came into effect making it an offence to traffic in property obtained by crime, including possession with intent to traffic property obtained by crime.
[2] In January 2010, the UCR survey was modified to create new violation codes for identity fraud and identity theft. Prior to 2010, those offences would have been coded as fraud.

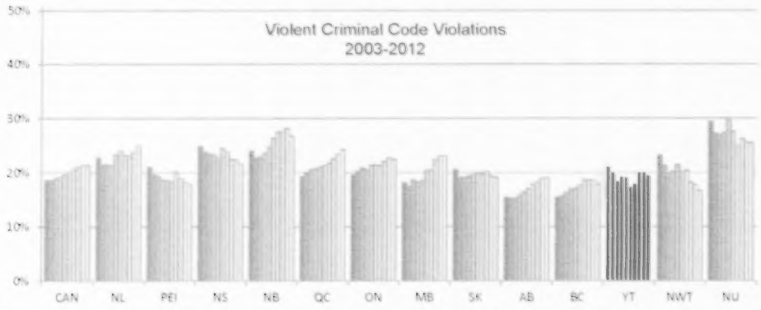
Property crimes involve unlawful acts to gain property, but do not involve the use or threat of violence against the person. They include offences such as break and enter, theft and fraud.

Other Criminal Code Violations, Number of Actual Incidents, Yukon, 2003-2012

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total other Criminal Code violations	**2,233**	**2,128**	**2,069**	**1,874**	**2,312**	**2,608**	**3,345**	**2,681**	**2,628**	**2,893**
Counterfeiting	12	2	2	0	1	2	1	1	0	0
Total weapons violations	63	34	31	20	28	26	33	17	29	37
Child pornography	3	1	0	4	4	0	3	0	3	1
Total prostitution	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0
Disturb the peace	1,521	1,599	1,525	1,328	1,670	1,940	2,424	1,790	1,692	1,899
Total administration of justice violations	519	418	445	460	508	553	779	772	797	832
Total other violations	114	73	66	62	99	87	105	101	106	124

These incidents involve the remaining Criminal Code offences that are not classified as violent or property (excluding traffic offences). Examples are mischief, bail violations, disturbing the peace, arson, prostitution and offensive weapons.

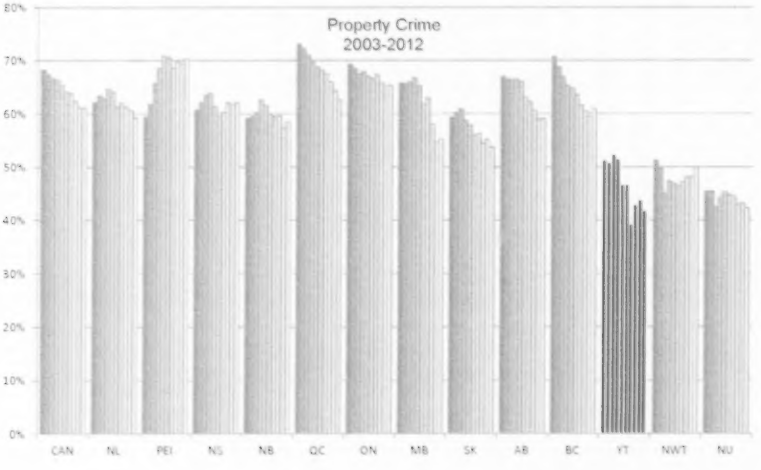
Number of Incidents by Violation Type as a % of Total Criminal Code Violations (excluding traffic)



- While the majority of Canadian jurisdictions have seen an upward trend in violent Criminal Code violations as a percentage of total Criminal Code violations, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut have seen the opposite. However, for Yukon, the percentage had an overall declining trend between 2003 and 2008, increased between 2008 and 2011 and then decreased in 2012.

- Over the past ten years, violent Criminal Code violations have averaged 19.4% of all Criminal Code violations in Yukon, the fourth lowest in the country.

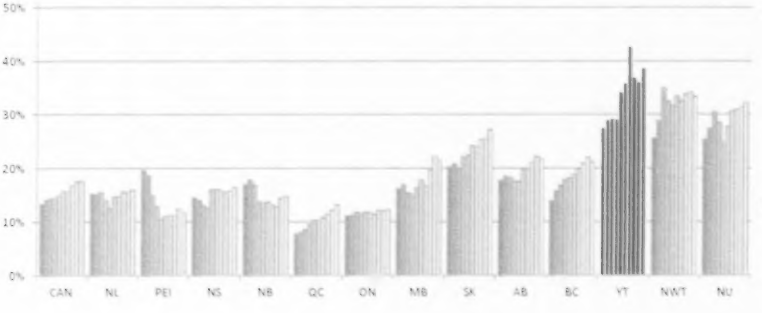
- In 2012, there were 934 incidents of *assault* levels 1-3 in Yukon, accounting for 64.1% of all violent Criminal Code violations. Collectively, *uttering threats* (249), *threatening or harassing phone calls* (103), and *criminal harassment* (16) accounted for 25.3%. *Sexual assault* levels 1-3 (77) accounted for 5.3% of all violent Criminal Code violations.



- Yukon has experienced a downward trend in property crime as a percentage of all Criminal Code violations. With the exceptions of Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and the Northwest Territories, all other jurisdictions experienced a similar downward trend.

- On average over the last ten years, property crime has accounted for 46.6% of all Criminal Code violations in Yukon, the second lowest in the country. In 2012, the percentage of property crime in Yukon (41.8%) was the lowest in Canada.

- In 2012, there were 1,686 incidents of *mischief* accounting for 53.9% of all property crime in Yukon. *Theft* (1,075) accounted for 34.4% of all property crime, and *breaking and entering* (205) accounted for 6.6%.



- With the exceptions of Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick, the majority of jurisdictions have seen an upward trend in other Criminal Code violations as a percentage of all Criminal Code violations.

- While Yukon's average 'other' Criminal Code violations percentage ranks highest in the country (34.0%) over the last decade, *disturb the peace* incidents have accounted for 70.4% of that figure.

- In 2012, there were 1,899 incidents of *disturb the peace* accounting for 65.6% of all 'other' Criminal Code violations in Yukon. *Administration of justice violations* incidents (832) accounted for 28.8%.

Criminal Code Violations (excluding traffic) by type, Number of Actual Incidents, by Rural RCMP Detachment Area, 2003-2012

		2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total Criminal Code Violations (excluding traffic)	Yukon	8,089	7,318	7,079	6,430	6,771	7,271	7,818	7,256	7,287	7,479
	Beaver Creek	61	34	36	43	22	31	47	32	25	37
	Carcross	147	136	110	116	141	163	215	161	146	118
	Carmacks	145	149	206	162	207	163	147	125	178	155
	Dawson	290	311	338	279	325	319	275	270	290	308
	Faro	23	14	22	19	24	27	18	36	22	39
	Haines Junction	157	74	125	147	165	153	110	121	137	148
	Mayo	146	136	168	207	151	165	126	95	101	119
	Old Crow	124	127	134	139	142	148	120	93	99	88
	Pelly Crossing	132	124	198	170	207	220	250	346	325	231
	Ross River	200	196	198	151	172	215	194	203	164	142
	Teslin	141	106	99	81	100	96	102	124	119	146
	Watson Lake	936	625	638	851	948	850	863	792	634	683
	Whitehorse	5,587	5,285	4,806	4,064	4,167	4,721	5,351	4,858	5,047	5,265
Total Violent Criminal Code Violations	Yukon	1,710	1,471	1,307	1,243	1,301	1,269	1,404	1,464	1,470	1,457
	Beaver Creek	11	14	9	11	6	6	9	4	5	16
	Carcross	52	36	25	32	44	53	54	50	49	34
	Carmacks	43	34	52	39	59	45	36	28	43	33
	Dawson	76	71	83	68	55	56	58	63	62	59
	Faro	5	1	4	8	6	9	7	7	7	4
	Haines Junction	37	17	23	40	49	38	19	45	40	42
	Mayo	40	37	33	38	20	17	22	27	40	41
	Old Crow	34	45	30	32	30	21	39	16	26	23
	Pelly Crossing	34	35	32	32	40	46	45	74	66	49
	Ross River	58	66	58	36	34	26	41	59	46	35
	Teslin	35	22	20	17	23	19	35	28	28	37
	Watson Lake	175	154	175	219	230	177	192	190	170	184
	Whitehorse	1,110	939	763	671	705	756	847	873	888	900
Total Property Crime	Yukon	4,146	3,719	3,703	3,313	3,158	3,394	3,069	3,111	3,189	3,129
	Beaver Creek	23	11	21	17	12	18	25	24	16	14
	Carcross	70	64	65	62	69	65	81	71	40	38
	Carmacks	64	83	104	67	71	65	73	48	60	59
	Dawson	129	147	178	130	198	165	117	132	167	160
	Faro	14	12	13	8	15	15	8	22	8	18
	Haines Junction	91	50	84	78	74	80	70	60	73	81
	Mayo	68	71	67	88	67	94	74	40	31	48
	Old Crow	32	39	73	69	75	66	50	49	50	39
	Pelly Crossing	71	59	91	97	102	94	125	159	158	102
	Ross River	114	91	111	89	91	134	89	80	55	56
	Teslin	75	57	54	40	38	54	49	66	63	76
	Watson Lake	443	304	315	377	389	417	396	311	259	259
	Whitehorse	2,952	2,730	2,526	2,190	1,957	2,127	1,912	2,049	2,209	2,179
Total Other Criminal Code Violations	Yukon	2,233	2,128	2,069	1,874	2,312	2,608	3,345	2,681	2,628	2,893
	Beaver Creek	27	9	6	15	4	7	13	4	4	7
	Carcross	25	36	20	22	28	45	80	40	57	46
	Carmacks	38	32	50	56	77	53	38	49	75	63
	Dawson	85	93	77	81	72	98	100	75	61	89
	Faro	4	1	5	3	3	3	3	7	7	17
	Haines Junction	29	7	18	29	42	35	21	16	24	25
	Mayo	38	28	68	81	64	54	30	28	30	30
	Old Crow	58	43	31	38	37	61	31	28	23	26
	Pelly Crossing	27	30	75	41	65	80	80	113	101	80
	Ross River	28	39	29	26	47	55	64	64	63	51
	Teslin	31	27	25	24	39	23	18	30	28	33
	Watson Lake	318	167	148	255	329	256	275	291	205	240
	Whitehorse	1,525	1,616	1,517	1,203	1,505	1,838	2,592	1,936	1,950	2,186

The number of actual incidents refers to the total number of incidents reported to the police minus incidents proven to be unfounded following preliminary investigation in any given year. Police reported statistics may be affected by differences in the way police services deal with minor offences. In some instances, police or municipalities might choose to deal with some minor offences using municipal by-laws or provincial provisions rather than Criminal Code provisions. Differences in Police service's priorities, policies, procedures and enforcement practices may also have an effect.

Previous crime publications by Yukon Bureau of Statistics contained microdata obtained directly from the Yukon RCMP office. Records management systems changed in 2004 and YBS publications ceased. Community-level data has now become available via Statistics Canada CANSIM tables 252-0051 and 252-0082. As a result of these changes, this publication is not comparable with previous ones.

Populations are based upon July 1 estimates from Statistics Canada, Demography Division.

For more information on the Incident-based Crime Reporting Survey - http://www23.statcan.gc.ca/imdb/p2SV.pl?Function=getSurvey&lang=en&db=imdb&adm=8&dis=2&SDDS=3302

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